

Amendment and Response
U.S. Serial No. 10/603,572
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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally presented. Claims 1-20 were made subject to restriction or election under 35 U.S.C. §121. Original claims 1-10, directed to a programmable robotic apparatus, have been retained in the application. Claim 7 has been amended to delete a reference to a GPS satellite. Claims 11-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 21-30, all drawn to a programmable robotic apparatus, including a specific reference to the programmable robotic apparatus of Claim 1 in each of new dependent claims 21, 25 and 28, have been presented. Support for the new claims 21-30 may be found in originally Claims 11-20, and in the Specification and Drawings generally. No new matter is introduced by the amendments. Because the numbers of independent claims (1) and total claims (20) presently pending in the application are no greater than the 4 independent claims and 20 total claims originally filed and for which fees were originally paid, Applicant believes that no fees are presently due on account of submission of this paper.

The original claims 1-10 and new claims 21-30 are presented as a bona fide effort to advance the application to allowance. After entry of the amendments, Claims 1-10 and 21-30 are pending in the application.

Applicant has now explicitly included a dependence on claim 1 in each of claims 21, 25, and 28, which otherwise correspond to originally filed claims 11, 15, and 18, but which now have no meaning if read in the absence of claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 previously issued is moot, and that a further restriction requirement is inapplicable to the claims as presently presented.

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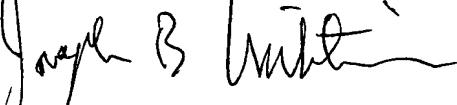
CONCLUSION

Applicant has cancelled original Claims 11-20 without prejudice. Claim 7 has been amended. New Claims 21-30 have been added. Applicant submits that Claims 1-10 and 21-30 are now in proper condition for allowance, and requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

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